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For:	Human Chitinase, Its Recombinant Production, Its Use For Decomposing Chitin, Its Use In Therapy Or Prophylaxis Against Infection Diseases		

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Office Action dated October 27, 2003. The fifth month date (March 27, 2004) falls on a Saturday. Accordingly, applicant has the next business day (i.e., March 29, 2004) to file this Amendment with a two-month extension. Therefore, a Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time is being filed currently herewith. Entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 10.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.